

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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"Driving is fun!" I strongly disagree with the new graduated license system. Every teen has always waited for their sixteenth birthday so that they can get a car, get a license, and drive. I feel that driving is a privilege that should not be restricted to a later year. At fifteen years, a person should get a permit. One year is enough time to practice and improve driving skills. I believe that at age sixteen, teens the majority of teens are responsible enough to have a full license.

First of all, if someone underage wants to drive bad enough, that person will find a way. Peer pressure has a lot to do with driving. Sometimes, if someone wants to "fit in", that person will ride around town, often with more than one passenger. Also, teens generally assume that the later one stays out, the cooler that makes them. A restricted license will not necessarily keep anyone from doing what they want to do, at least until they get caught, which may not actually happen).

Secondly, some teens were almost sixteen when this law passed. Those young adults had anxiously been awaiting for their chance to drive on their own. One whole extra year is a long time to wait, especially knowing it hasn't always been that way. Driving is a major responsibility, but it's also fun. I feel there is no reason to lengthen the waiting period.

Finally, I believe that limiting the hours a person drives doesn't help anyone. Cutting back driving hours means less practice. Not be allowed to drive at night causes poor night drivers. I feel there is no better way to improve driving than to actually be able to drive. Also, passengers, who aren't allowed with the restricted license, can give tips and suggestions. The driver may become unable to drive and someone, the passengers, would have to take control of the situation, whatever it may be.

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In conclusion, I believe a full license should be issued at the age of sixteen. I feel one year with a learner's permit is plenty of time to grow and mature as a driver. Somehow there is always some way drive, legally or not, if someone wants that. "Restricted" isn't always the case. Teens almost at sixteen years shouldn't be stuck in the middle. Also, more hours of various driving conditions always equal a better driver. I believe the disadvantages of a graduated driver's license system outweigh the advantages by ~~not~~ far.